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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed November 28, 2007, requiring a restriction of claims within the subject application. Specifically, the Examiner has divided the currently pending claims into Group I, Claims 1-15, drawn to a device for filtering and entrapping debris in a vascular system; and Group II, Claims 16-20, drawn to a method of filtering a vascular system.

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group I, Claims 1-15, drawn to a device for filtering and entrapping debris in a vascular system. This election is made without traverse.

A listing of all claims is submitted on the following page.